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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL KEMP/MANTEL/BRYEN

1. GEOFFREY KEMP, ROBERT MANTEL AND STEPHEN BRYEN OF THE
STAFF OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS PLAN
TO VISIT IRAN DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 1 - MARCH 16 WITH
A STOP OVER IN TEL AVIV ENROUTE.

2. FOR TEL AVIV: PLEASE ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS AT
TEL AVIV HILTON (IF FULL, TEL AVIV PLAZA) FOR NIGHTS
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OF FEBRUARY 27-29 FOR KEMP, FEBRUARY 28-29 FOR MANTEL,
AND FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1 FOR BRYEN. STAFFDEL ARRANGING
OWN PROGRAM TEL AVIV. EMBASSY NEED NOT ARRANGE ANY
OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS IN THEIR BEHALF BUT SHOULD ADVISE

DEPARTMENT CONCERNING ACCOMMODATIONS.

3. ITINERARIES:

AR TEL AVIV

KEMP 1430 FEBRUARY 27 TW 880

MANTEL/BRYEN 1430 FEBRUARY 28 TW 800

LV TEL AVIV

KEMP/MANTEL 0600 MARCH 1 LY 563

BRYEN 0600 MARCH 2 LY 563

AR TEHRAN

KEMP/MANTEL 1030 MARCH 1 LY 563

BRYEN 1030 MARCH 2 LY 563

LV TEHRAN

UNCERTAIN, BUT NO LATER THAN MARCH 16.

4. PURPOSE OF VISIT: SENATORS HUBERT HUMPHREY AND CLIFFORD CASE, CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MINORITY MEMBER OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS HAVE REQUESTED THAT THE ABOVE STAFF REVIEW US-IRANIAN RELATIONS, PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE IMPLICATION OF U.S. ARMS SALES PROGRAMS FOR OUR OVERALL POLITICAL, MILITARY AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS. ACCORDINGLY, THE STAFF MEMBERS WILL UNDERTAKE THE FOLLOWING PRIMARY TASKS: REVIEW THE ORIGINS AND THE CURRENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MAJOR MILITARY PROGRAMS, PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE STATUS OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMS, THE LEVEL AND ADEQUACY OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT FOR THESE PROGRAMS, AND THE EXTENT AND NATURE OF CURRENT AND PROJECTED OFFICIAL U.S. ADVISORY EFFORTS AND CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL; ASSESS THE IMPACT ON U.S. INTERESTS OF THE U.S. PRESENCE IN IRAN; WEIGH THE FUTURE U.S. ROLE IN IRAN GIVEN THE STRENGTH AND WEAKNESSES OF THE IRANIAN ECONOMY, POLITICAL SYSTEM AND MILITARY SERVICE, AND ASSESS THE COSTS AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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BENEFITS TO U.S. INTERESTS OF ANY MAJOR CHANGES IN IRAN'S MILITARY PROGRAMS.

5. GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS: IN ORDER TO UNDERTAKE THESE TASKS THE TEAM WISHES TO MEET WITH U.S. AND IRANIAN OFFICIALS IN TEHRAN AND FIELD (EMBASSY AND DOD REP SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED); TO MAKE A FIELD TRIP TO SITES OF MAJOR US-IRANIAN MILITARY PROGRAMS IN OR NEAR ISFAHAN, SHIRAZ AND BANDAR ABBAS; AND TO MEET UNOFFICIALLY WITH IRANIAN AND FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN, ACADEMICS AND JOURNALISTS IN IRAN.

6. SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS:

A) EMBASSY TEHRAN REQUESTED TO APPOINT CONTROL OFFICER, AND BE PREPARED TO MEET AND ASSIST PARTY.

B) PLEASE RESERVE THREE SINGLE HOTEL ROOMS IN TEHRAN FOR PARTY AT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL (IF FULL, PREFER HILTON) FOR NIGHTS PARTY WILL BE IN TEHRAN. IN THIS CONNECTION, NOTE DELAYED ARRIVAL OF BRYEN.

C) PREPARE FOR DELIVERY TO PARTY ON ARRIVAL (1) LIST OF ALL PRINCIPAL U.S. OFFICIALS AND PHONE NUMBERS AND (2) LIST OF ALL U.S. AND ANY INFLUENTIAL FOREIGN JOURNALISTS.

D) KEMP AND MANTEL WOULD LIKE SHORT BRIEFING ON SCHEDULES AND APPOINTMENTS ON MARCH 1. PARTY WILL BEGIN OFFICIAL PROGRAM ON MARCH 2. BRYEN WILL JOIN THEM WHEN HE ARRIVES LATER IN DAY.

E) STAFFDEL PLANS TO SPEND MARCH 2-4 IN TEHRAN DISCUSSING ISSUES WITH U.S. AND IRANIAN OFFICIALS. UNDERSTAND MARCH 4 IS WEEKEND FOR IRANIANS, BUT HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO MEET WITH U.S. OFFICIALS ON THAT DAY. WOULD LIKE DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIOR EMBASSY OFFICIALS, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC OFFICERS, OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNTRY TEAM, SENIOR DOD OFFICIALS AND POLICY LEVEL IRANIAN OFFICIALS DEALING WITH FOREIGN POLICY AND MILITARY PROGRAMS.

7. IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL: PARTY WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE TEHRAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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ON MARCH 5 OR 6 FOR FIELD TRIP. WOULD LIKE TO SPEND AT LEAST TWO DAYS IN ISFAHAN, TWO DAYS IN SHIRAZ, AND TWO DAYS VISITING BANDAR ABBAS TO TOUR IMPORTANT STRATEGIC FACILITIES. ON FIELD TRIP PARTY WISHES TO MEET WITH U.S. PERSONNEL (MILITARY AND CIVILIAN) INVOLVED IN TRAINING, SUPPORT AND CONSTRUCTION TASKS. FOR THIS REASON PARTY DOES NOT, REPEAT DOES NOT, WANT TO STAY IN DOWNTOWN HOTELS IN ISFAHAN OR SHIRAZ BUT WOULD PREFER ACCOMMODATIONS IN TEAM HOUSES OR THEIR EQUIVALENT. IF POSSIBLE PARTY WOULD APPRECIATE OVERFLIGHTS OF HORMUZ STRAITS, KHARG ISLAND AND MAJOR OIL FIELDS ON RETURN TO TEHRAN FROM BANDAR ABBAS. PARTY PROPOSES TO RETURN TO TEHRAN MARCH 11 OR 12 FOR THREE OR FOUR MORE DAYS. DURING THIS PERIOD THEY WOULD UNDERTAKE FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH OFFICIALS AND MEET INFORMALLY WITH IRANIANS AND FOREIGNERS. SCHEDULE SHOULD BE LEFT FAIRLY FLEXIBLE AT THIS STAGE OF VISIT.

8. APPRECIATE RECEIVING PROPOSED SCHEDULE, NAME AND TEL NUMBER OF CONTROL OFFICER, AND CONFIRMATION OF HOTEL

RESERVATIONS SOONEST. FUNDING INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW.
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